

Education: Elementary & Secondary

Department Of Education, Central Office Operations

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Page 124, after line 58, insert:

“S.1. The Board of Education shall convene a task force to develop a plan for consolidating services for the deaf and/or blind and multi-disabled students served by Virginia’s two schools for these students. The task force shall include at least one member of the Board of Education; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton; the Superintendent of the Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind, and Multi-Disabled at Hampton; the co-chairmen of the advisory Commission of the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; one parent of a currently enrolled student from each of the schools; and one representative each from the Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired, the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, the Department of Rehabilitative Services, and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

2. The plan shall include an examination of appropriate academic programs, staffing requirements, facilities requirements, student transportation requirements, and individual arrangements necessary for all students currently receiving services to continue receiving services. All options for serving students shall be considered. The plan shall also include the steps necessary to achieve consolidation, funding requirements and/or savings, alternative uses of facilities, and a suggested timeline for achieving consolidation.

3. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the task force in its development of the plan, upon request. The task force shall submit its plan to the governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Education, and the Senate Finance and Education and Health Committees by November 1, 2003.”